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(54) **TGF-beta Induced gene and protein.**

(57) A new TGF- $\beta$  induced gene and protein is described. Treatment of TGF- $\beta$  growth arrested cells induces the production of a novel gene which encodes a 683 amino acid protein, designated BIG-H3, that contains four homologous repeat regions and which may represent a cell surface recognition molecule. This gene and protein is induced in mammalian cells, and specifically human cells, upon treatment with TGF- $\beta$ .

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The present invention describes a novel TGF- $\beta$  induced gene,  $\beta$ ig-h3, and the protein encoded by this induced gene,  $\beta$ IG-H3, produced in response to TGF- $\beta$  mediated growth inhibition of specific human cell lines.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Transforming growth factor- $\beta$ 1 (TGF- $\beta$ 1) is a multifunctional regulator of cell growth and differentiation. It is capable of causing diverse effects such as inhibition of the growth of monkey kidney cells, (Tucker, R.F., G.D. Shipley, H.L. Moses & R.W. Holley (1984) *Science* **226**:705-707) inhibition of growth of several human cancer cell lines, (Roberts, A.B., M.A. Anzano, L.M. Wakefield, N.S. Roches, D.F. Stern & M.B. Sporn (1985) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **82**: 119-123; Ranchalis, J.E., L.E. Gentry, Y. Agawa, S.M. Seyedin, J. McPherson, A. Purchio & D.R. Twardzik (1987) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* **148**:783-789) inhibition of mouse keratinocytes, (Coffey, R.J., N.J. Sipes, C.C. Bascum, R. Gravesdeal, C. Pennington, B.E. Weissman & H.L. Moses (1988) *Cancer Res.* **48**:1596-1602; Reiss, M. & C.L. Dibble (1988) *In Vitro Cell. Dev. Biol.* **24**:537-544) stimulation of growth of AKR-2B fibroblasts (Tucker, R.F., M.E. Olkenant, E.L. Branum & H.L. Moses (1988) *Cancer Res.* **43**:1581-1586) and normal rat kidney fibroblasts, (Roberts, A.B., M.A. Anzano, L.C. Lamb, J.M. Smith & M.B. Sporn (1981) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **78**:5339-5343) stimulation of synthesis and secretion of fibronectin and collagen, (Ignatz, R.A. & J. Massague (1986) *J. Biol. Chem.* **261**:4337-4345; Centrella, M., T.L. McCarthy & E. Canalis (1987) *J. Biol. Chem.* **262**:2869-2874) induction of cartilage-specific macromolecule production in muscle mesenchymal cells, (Seyedin, S.M., A.Y. Thompson, H. Bentz, D.M. Rosen, J. McPherson, A. Contin, N.R. Siegel, G.R. Galluppi & K.A. Piez (1986) *J. Biol. Chem.* **261**:5693-5695) and growth inhibition of T and B lymphocytes. (Kehrl, J.H., L.M. Wakefield, A.B. Roberts, S. Jakeoview, M. Alvarez-Mon, R. Derynck, M.B. Sporn & A.S. Fauci (1986) *J. Exp. Med.* **163**:1037-1050; Kehrl, J.H., A.B. Roberts, L.M. Wakefield, S. Jakoview, M.B. Sporn & A.S. Fauci (1987) *J. Immunol.* **137**:3855-3860; Kasid, A., G.I. Bell & E.P. Director (1988) *J. Immunol.* **141**:690-698; Wahl, S.M., D.A. Hunt, H.L. Wong, S. Dougherty, N. McCartney-Francis, L.M. Wahl, L. Ellingsworth, J.A. Schmidt, G. Hall, A.B. Roberts & M.B. Sporn (1988) *J. Immunol.* **140**:3026-3032)

Recent investigations have indicated that TGF- $\beta$ 1 is a member of a family of closely related growth-modulating proteins including TGF- $\beta$ 2, (Seyedin, S.M., P.R. Segarini, D.M. Rosen, A.Y. Thompson, H. Bentz & J. Graycar (1987) *J. Biol. Chem.* **262**:1946-1949; Cheifetz, S., J.A. Weatherbee, M.L.-S. Tsang, J.K. Anderson, J.E. Mole, R. Lucas & J. Massague (1987) *Cell* **48**:409-415; Ikeda, T., M.M. Lioubin & H. Marquardt (1987) *Biochemistry* **26**:2406-2410) TGF- $\beta$ 3, (TenDijke, P., P. Hansen, K. Iwata, C. Pieler & J.G. Foulkes (1988) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **85**:4715-4719; Derynck, R., P. Lindquist, A. Lee, D. Wen, J. Tamm, J.L. Graycar, L. Rhee, A.J. Mason, D.A. Miller, R.J. Coffey, H.L. Moses & E.Y. Chen (1988) *EMBO J.* **7**:3737-3743; Jakowlew, S.B., P.J. Dillard, P. Kondaiah, M.B. Sporn & A.B. Roberts (1988) *Mol. Endocrinology.* **2**:747-755) TGF- $\beta$ 4, (Jakowlew, S.B., P.J. Dillard, M.B. Sporn & A.B. Roberts (1988) *Mol. Endocrinology.* **2**:1186-1195) Mullerian inhibitory substance, (Cate, R.L., R.J. Mattaliano, C. Hession, R. Tizard, N.M. Faber, A. Cheung, E.G. Ninfa, A.Z. Frey, D.J. Dash, E.P. Chow, R.A. Fisher, J.M. Berthonis, G. Torres, B.P. Wallner, K.L. Ramachandran, R.C. Ragin, T.F. Manganaro, D.T. MacLaughlin & P.K. Donahoe (1986) *Cell* **45**:685-698) and the inhibins. (Mason, A. J., J.S. Hayflick, N. Ling, F. Esch, N. Ueno, S.-Y. Ying, R. Guillemin, H. Niall & P.H. Seuberg (1985) *Nature* **318**:659-663)

40 TGF- $\beta$ 1 is a 24-kDa protein consisting of two identical disulfide-bonded 12 kD subunits. (Assoian, R.K., A. Komoriya, C.A. Meyers, D.M. Miller & M.B. Sporn (1983) *J. Biol. Chem.* **258**:7155-7160; Frolik, C.A., L.L. Dart, C.A. Meyers, D.M. Miller & M.B. Sporn (1983) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **80**:3676-3680; Frolik, C.A., L.M. Wakefield, D.M. Smith & M.B. Sporn (1984) *J. Biol. Chem.* **259**:10995-11000) Analysis of cDNA clones coding for human, (Derynck, R., J.A. Jarrett, E.Y. Chem, D.H. Eaton, J.R. Bell, R.K. Assoian, A.B. Roberts, M.B. Sporn & D.V. Goeddel (1985) *Nature* **316**:701-705) murine, (Derynck, R., J.A. Jarrett, E.Y. Chem, & D.V. Goeddel (1986) *J. Biol. Chem.* **261**:4377-4379) and simian (Sharples, K., G.D. Plowman, T.M. Rose, D.R. Twardzik & A.F. Purchio (1987) *DNA* **6**:239-244) TGF- $\beta$ 1 indicates that this protein is synthesized as a larger 390 amino acid pre-pro-TGF- $\beta$ 1 precursor, the carboxyl terminal 112 amino acid portion is then proteolytically cleaved to yield the TGF- $\beta$ 1 monomer.

50 The simian TGF- $\beta$ 1 cDNA clone has been expressed to high levels in Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells. Analysis of the proteins secreted by these cells using site-specific antipeptide antibodies, peptide mapping, and protein sequencing revealed that both mature and precursor forms of TGF- $\beta$  were produced and were held together, in part, by a complex array of disulfide bonds. (Gentry, L.E., N.R. Webb, J. Lim, A.M. Brunner, J.E. Ranchalis, D.R. Twardzik, M.N. Lioubin, H. Marquardt & A.F. Purchio (1987) *Mol. Cell Biol.* **7**:3418-3427; Gentry, L.E., M.N. Lioubin, A.F. Purchio & H. Marquardt (1988) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* **8**:4162-4168) Upon purification away from the 24kD mature rTGF- $\beta$ 1, the 90 to 110 kD precursor complex was found to consist of three species: pro-TGF $\beta$ 1, the pro-region of the TGF- $\beta$ 1 precursor, and mature TGF- $\beta$ 1. (Gentry, L.E., N.R. Webb, J. Lim, A.M. Brunner, J.E. Ranchalis, D.R. Twardzik, M.N. Lioubin, H. Marquardt & A.F. Purchio (1987) *Mol. Cell Biol.*

7:3418-3427; Gentry, L.E., M.N. Lioubin, A.F. Purchio & H. Marquardt (1988) Mol. Cell. Biol. 8:4162-4168) Detection of optimal biological activity required acidification before analysis, indicating that rTGF- $\beta$ 1 was secreted in a latent form.

5 The pro-region of the TGF- $\beta$ 1 precursor was found to be glycosylated at three sites (Asn 82, Asn 136, and Asn 176) and the first two of these (Asn 82 and Asn 136) contain mannose-6-phosphate residues. (Brunner, A.M., L.E. Gentry, J.A. Cooper & A.F. Purchio (1988) Mol. Cell Biol. 8:2229-2232; Purchio, A.F., J.A. Cooper, A.M. Brunner, M.N. Lioubin, L.E. Gentry, K.S. Kovacina, R.A. Roth & H. Marquardt (1988) J. Biol. Chem. 263:14211-14215) In addition, the rTGF- $\beta$ 1 precursor is capable of binding to the mannose-6-phosphate receptor and may imply a mechanism for delivery to lysomes where proteolytic processing can occur. (Kornfeld, 10 S. (1986) J. Clin. Invest. 77:1-6)

TGF- $\beta$ 2 is also a 24-kD homodimer of identical disulfide-bonded 112 amino acid subunits (Marquardt, H., M.N. Lioubin & T. Ikeda (1987) J. Biol. Chem. 262:12127-12131). Analysis of cDNA clones coding for human (Madisen, L., N.R. Webb, T.M. Rose, H. Marquardt, T. Ikeda, D. Twardzik, S. Seyedin & A.F. Purchio (1988) DNA 7:1-8; DeMartin, R., B. Plaendler, R. Hoefer-Warbinek, H. Gaugitsch, M. Wrann, H. Schlusener, J.M. Seifert, S. Bodmer, A. Fontana & E. Hoefer, EMBO J. 6:3673-3677) and simian (Hanks, S.K., R. Armour, J.H. Baldwin, F. Maldonado, J. Spiess & R.W. Holley (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:79-82) TGF- $\beta$ 2 showed that it, too, is synthesized as a larger precursor protein. The mature regions of TGF- $\beta$ 1 and TGF- $\beta$ 2 show 70 % homology, whereas 30 % homology occurs in the pro-region of the precursor. In the case of simian and human TGF- $\beta$ 2 precursor proteins differing by a 28 amino acid insertion in the pro-region; mRNA coding for these 15 two proteins is thought to occur via differential splicing (Webb, N.R., L. Madisen, T.M. Rose & A.F. Purchio (1988) DNA 7:493-497).

20 The effects of TGF- $\beta$  are thought to be mediated by the binding to specific receptors present on the surface of most cells (Massague, J. et al. (1985) J. Biol. Chem. 260:2636-2645; Segarini, P.R. et al. (1989) Mol. Endocrinol. 3:261-272; Tucker, R.F., et al. (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:6757-6761; Wakefield, L.M., et al. (1987) J. Cell Biol. 105:965-975). Chemical crosslinking of [ $^{125}$ I]-labeled TGF- $\beta$  to cell surface components has 25 identified three receptor size classes having molecule weights of 53-70 kDa (type I receptor), 80-120 kDa (type II receptor) and 250-350 kDa (type III receptor). The type I and II receptors have been implicated in signal transduction (Boyd, F.T. et al. (1989) J. Biol. Chem. 264:2272-2278; Laiho, M., et al. (1990) J. Biol. Chem. 265:18518-18524) while the type III receptor has been suggested to act as a storage protein (Segarini, P.R. et al. (1989) Mol. Endocrinol. 3:261-272). Little is known concerning signal transduction mechanisms which occur after receptor-ligand interaction.

30 The pleiotrophic effects of TGF- $\beta$  may be due to its ability to affect the transcription of other genes. TGF- $\beta$  has been shown to induce *fos*, *myc* and *sis* in AKR-2B cells (Leof, E.B., et al. (1986) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 83:1453-1458):1453-1458) enhance expression of *c-jun* B in A549 cells (Pertovaara, L., et al. (1989) Molecular and Cellular Biology 9:1255-1264), increase the mRNA for matrix proteins (Penttilinen, R.P., et al. (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85: 1105-1110), IL-6 (Elias, J.A., et al. (1991) J. Immunol. 146:3437-3446) and EGF-receptors (Thompson, K.L. et al. (1988) J. Biol. Chem. 263:19519-19528) and decrease expression of PDGF receptor  $\alpha$  subunits (Battegay, E. J., et al. (1990) Cell 63: 515-524). It alters the pattern of integrin expression 35 in osteosarcoma cells (Heino, J., et al. (1989) J. Biol. Chem. 264:21806-21813) and decreases the express of *c-myc* in keratinocytes (Coffey, R.J. et al. (1988b) Cancer Res. 48:1596-1602). TGF- $\beta$  induces expression of IL-1 $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$ , PDGF and bFGF in human peripheral blood monocytes (McCartney-Francis, N., et al. (1991) DNA and Cell Biology 10:293-300).

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

45 The present invention is directed to a novel protein and gene induced by transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) in mammalian cells.

In order to identify novel genes that encode protein products which might be involved in mediating some 50 of the effects of TGF- $\beta$ , a cDNA library was constructed from mRNA isolated from mammalian cells, such as human lung adenocarcinoma cells, which had been growth arrested by exposure to TGF- $\beta$ . Several clones were isolated. One clone, termed TGF- $\beta$  induced gene-h3 ( $\beta$ IG-h3) encoded a novel protein,  $\beta$ IG-H3, containing 683 amino acid residues.

In the present invention a TGF- $\beta$  induced protein is produced in growth arrested mammalian cells and 55 preferably contains about 683 amino acid residues. The TGF- $\beta$  induced protein preferably contains four homologous repeat regions of approximately 140 amino acids each and has an Arg-Gly-Asp sequence near its carboxy terminus. Treatment of mammalian cells such as human adenocarcinoma cells and embryonic mesenchymal cells with TGF- $\beta$  produces a 10 to 20 fold increase in these cells of a 3.4 kb RNA construct that encodes a protein of this invention.

The present invention is further directed to the protein  $\beta$ IG-H3 which contains a 683 amino acid residue sequence corresponding to Sequence ID Number 2 and which contains an Arg-Gly-Asp at residues 642-644 of the amino acid sequence depicted in FIGURE 5.  $\beta$ IG-H3 contains four homologous repeat regions that share at least 16% homology with each other.

5 The present invention is also directed to a nucleotide sequence that encodes a gene whose expression is strongly induced by TGF- $\beta$ . The nucleotide sequence of the present invention can induce the production of a RNA transcript of about 3.4 kb, and preferably encodes the expression of  $\beta$ IG-H3.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

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In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 illustrates the expression  $\beta$ IG-H3 in A549 cells after treatment with TGF- $\beta$ 1 and TGF- $\beta$ 2. Confluent dishes of A549 cells grown in DMEM + 10% FBS were split 1:10. Twenty hours later, they were treated with 20 ng/ml rTGF- $\beta$ 1 (A and C) or rTGF- $\beta$ 2 [D] for 72 hours. Total RNA was isolated and 25  $\mu$ g was fractionated on an agarose-formaldehyde gel and analyzed by Northern blotting using [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled  $\beta$ IG-H3 probe. Lane 1, RNA from untreated cells; lane 2, RNA from TGF- $\beta$  treated cells. Exposure time for A and D, 10 hours; exposure time for C, 3 days. Panel B is a photograph of the gel in panel A stain with methylene blue. Bands were quantitated using a Molecular Dynamics Phosphoimager.

20 FIGURE 2 illustrates the time course for induction of  $\beta$ IG-H3 mRNA by TGF- $\beta$ 1. Confluent dishes of A549 cells were split 1:10. Twenty hours later, they were treated with TGF- $\beta$ 1 (20 ng/ml) for 6 hours (lane 2), 24 hours (lane 3), 48 hours (lane 4), 72 hours (lane 5), or 96 hours (lane 6); RNA was isolated and hybridized to [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled  $\beta$ ig-h3 probe. Lane 1 contains RNA from untreated cells.

25 FIGURE 3 illustrates the removal of TGF- $\beta$ 1 from the culture media of A549 cells leads to a decrease in synthesis of  $\beta$ ig-h3 RNA. A549 cells were treated with TGF- $\beta$ 1 (20 ng/ml) for 3 days. Cells were then washed and grown in complete medium without TGF- $\beta$ 1 for 24 hours (lane 2), 48 hours (lane 3), 72 hours (lane 4) or 3 weeks (lane 5). RNA was extracted and analyzed by Northern blotting using [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled  $\beta$ ig-h3 probe. Lane 1 contains RNA from A549 cells treated for 3 days with TGF- $\beta$ 1.

30 FIGURE 4 illustrates the determination of  $\beta$ ig-h3 mRNA half-life. A549 cells were treated with TGF- $\beta$  (20 ng/ml) for 48 hours. Actinomycin D (10 ng/ml) was then added and RNA was extracted at the indicated times and analyzed by Northern blotting with [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled  $\beta$ ig-h3 probe. Bands were quantitated using a Molecular Dynamics Phosphoimager and are plotted as percentage of cpm remaining in the 3.4 kb  $\beta$ ig-h3 RNA band.

○—○, untreated cells; ○—○, TGF- $\beta$  treated cells.

35 FIGURE 5 illustrates the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence of  $\beta$ IG-H3. Sequencing was performed as described (Sanger, F., et al. (1977) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74:5463-5467) and two dependent clones were sequenced for each region. The signal sequence is overlined and arrows mark predicted cleavage sites: the RGD sequence is boxed. Repeats 1 through 4 are bracketed and a polyadenylation signal at nucleotide 2625 is indicated (horizontal bracket).

40 FIGURE 6A illustrates the 4 homologous domains of  $\beta$ IG-H3 compared with the third repeats from *Drosophila fasciclin-1* (DrF-3), *grasshopper fasciclin-1* (GrF-3), and the carboxy terminal half of the *Mycobacterium bovis* protein Mpb70. Boxed amino acids are identical to at least 2 others at that same position.

FIGURE 6B illustrates the 4 repeats of  $\beta$ IG-H3 directly compared. Boxed amino acids are identical with at least 1 other at that same position. Multiple alignments were generated using the program Pileup of UW/GCG software.

#### 45 DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The present invention is directed to a nucleotide sequence and a protein that is induced in mammalian cells in response to TGF- $\beta$ .

50 The arrest of the growth of specific mammalian cells, such as human lung adenocarcinoma cells, by treatment with TGF- $\beta$  resulted in the increased induction of a novel gene product. TGF- $\beta$  refers to a family of highly-related dimeric proteins which are known to regulate the growth and differentiation of many cell type. As used herein, the term "TGF- $\beta$ " refers to any member of the family of transforming growth factor beta which include TGF- $\beta$ 1, TGF- $\beta$ 2, TGF- $\beta$ 3, TGF- $\beta$ 4, TGF- $\beta$ 5 as well as the TGF- $\beta$ 1/ $\beta$ 2 hybrid molecules, designated 5- $\beta$ .

55 TGF- $\beta$  is known to regulate the transcription of several genes, such as the genes encoding c-myc, c-sis, and the platelet-derived growth factor receptor. In the present invention, an attempt was made to identify novel genes whose protein products could be involved in mediating some of the pleiotropic effects of TGF- $\beta$ . As a result of the present invention a new gene product has been identified in mammalian cells that have been growth arrested by TGF- $\beta$ .

All amino acid residues identified herein are in the natural of L-configuration. In keeping with standard polypeptide nomenclature, abbreviations for amino acid residues are as follows:

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AMINO ACID	3-Letter	SYMBOL	1-Letter
Alanine	Ala		A
Arginine	Arg		R
Asparagine	Asn		N
Aspartic acid	Asp		D
Aspartic acid or Asparagine	Asx		B
Cysteine	Cys		C
Glutamine	Gln		Q
Glutamic acid	Glu		E
Glycine	Gly		G
Glutamic acid or Glutamine	Glx		Z
Histidine	His		H
Isoleucine	Ile		I
Leucine	Leu		L
Lysine	Lys		K
Methionine	Met		M
Phenylalanine	Phe		F
Proline	Pro		P
Serine	Ser		S
Threonine	Thr		T
Tryptophan	Trp		W
Tyrosine	Tyr		Y
Valine	Val		V

In the present invention, a substantially pure protein is isolated. This protein is produced in a mammalian cell in response to contacting the cells with sufficient TGF- $\beta$  to arrest the growth of the mammalian cell.

As used herein the term "mammalian cell" refers to cells derived from a mammal, or mammalian tumor, including human cells such as human lung adenocarcinoma cells, human embryonic palatal mesenchymal cells and human prostatic adenocarcinoma cells.

As used herein the term "induced" refers to the stimulation, promotion and/or amplification of transcription or translation in a target cell. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention either RNA or protein production can be induced by TGF-  $\beta$  in a mammalian cell.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, TGF-  $\beta$  induced protein of the present invention has an amino acid residue sequence of about 683 amino acid residues.

When mammalian cells, such as human lung adenocarcinoma are treated with TGF- $\beta$ 1, growth inhibition of the cells resulted. A cDNA library was constructed and screened in order to isolate a clone which displayed increased hybridization to a cDNA probe prepared from TGF- $\beta$ 1 treated cells. One clone was isolated and designated  $\beta$ IG-h3.

It was found that TGF- $\beta$ 1 and TGF- $\beta$ 2 each induced  $\beta$ IG-h3 in cells. The induction was reversible and resulted from an increase in transcription. Analysis of the induced  $\beta$ IG-h3 DNA revealed an open reading frame that encoded a novel 683 amino acid protein,  $\beta$ IG-H3, which contained a secretory leader signal sequence and an Arg-Gly-Asp sequence.  $\beta$ IG-H3 contained four internal repeat regions. These repeat regions display limited homology with short regions of grasshopper and drosophila fasciclin-I and Mpb70 from mycobacterium bovis. Fasciclin-I is a surface recognition glycoprotein expressed on subsets of axon bundles in insect embryos. Fasciclin-I contains four homologous 150 amino acid domains and has approximately 40% homology between grasshopper and drosophila (Zimm et al. (1988) Cell 53:577-583). It is thus considered in this inven-

tion that  $\beta$ ig-h3 may encode a novel surface recognition protein. As such, and as proposed for fasciclin-I, the four homologous repeats could suggest a tetrameric structure with two binding sites, one at each intrachain dimer. This structure allows one  $\beta$ IG-H3 molecule to bind to a surface protein on two different cells. Additionally, the Arg-Gly-Asp sequence in  $\beta$ IG-H3, which is not present in fasciclin-I, may allow for interactions with various integrins.

5  $\beta$ IG-H3 represents a new gene product induced by TGF- $\beta$  and may illuminate the pleiotropic effects of TGF- $\beta$  as, partly, being due to its ability to regulate gene transcription. It has recently been shown that growth inhibition by TGF- $\beta$  is linked to inhibition of phosphorylation of pRB, the product of the retinoblastoma susceptibility gene (Pietenpol, et al. (1990) *Cell* **61**:777-75; Laiko et al. (1990) *Cell* **62**:175-185). If  $\beta$ IG-H3 is involved in cell surface recognition, it may participate in cell-cell communication and in the transmission of intracellular signals that are involved in negative growth control.

10 The present invention is further described by the following Examples which are intended to be illustrative and not limiting.

15 **EXAMPLE 1**

Identification of  $\beta$ ig-h3 and Induction By TGF- $\beta$

20 Several human cell lines were cultured and used in these studies. A549 and H2981 (both human lung adenocarcinoma) cells, and the human breast carcinoma cell lines (MDA 453, MDA468 and 293) were grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) plus 10 % fetal bovine serum (FBS). The human breast carcinoma line MCF-7 was grown in DMEM + 10% FBS containing 60 ng/ml of insulin, and human prostatic adenocarcinoma cells (PC-3) were grown in a mixture of DMEM and Hank's F-12 medium (1:1) containing 10% FBS. Several routine and general methodological procedures were utilized and are described in the articles cited 25 herein, all of which are incorporated by reference.

25 Confluent dishes of A549 cells were split 1:10. Twenty hours later, they were treated with 20 ng/ml recombinant TGF- $\beta$ 1 in complete medium for 72 hours. This resulted in an 80-90 % inhibition of DNA synthesis. A549 cells which were not treated with TGF- $\beta$ 1 were used as controls. Poly (A) containing RNA was extracted and a cDNA library was constructed in  $\lambda$  gt-10 by the method described in Webb et al. (1987) *DNA* **6**:71-78, which 30 is incorporated herein by reference. Duplicate filters were screened with [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled cDNA from treated and untreated cells. Plaques showing increased hybridization to the treated probe were purified through the tertiary stage and the cDNA inserts were subcloned into pEMBL, as described in Denta et al. (1983) *Nucleic Acids Res.* **11**: 1645-1654. Several clones were isolated and one clone, p $\beta$ ig-h3a, was chosen for further study.

35 DNA sequence analysis of p $\beta$ ig-h3 detects a major transcript of 3.4 kb which is induced about 10-fold in A549 cells after a 72 hours with TGF- $\beta$ 1 (FIGURE 1A). A longer exposure of FIGURE 1A demonstrates that the  $\beta$ ig-h3 transcript can be detected at low levels in untreated cells (FIGURE 1C)  $\beta$ ig-h3 is also induced by TGF- $\beta$ 2, as shown in FIGURE 1D, and thus appears to be a TGF- $\beta$  induced gene. A time course induction is presented in FIGURE 2 and indicated that maximal stimulation of  $\beta$ ig-h3 by TGF- $\beta$ 1 in A549 cells occurred after 48 hours of TGF- $\beta$ 1 treatment (a 20-fold increase above untreated cells).

40 Noticeable morphological changes of A459 cells occur upon TGF- $\beta$  treatment. The cells appear larger, more spread out and assume a flattened morphology. These phenotypic changes are reversed upon removal of TGF- $\beta$  and regrowth of the cells in complete media.

45 Removal of TGF- $\beta$ 1 from the culture medium resulted in a decrease in the expression of  $\beta$ ig-h3 to the levels found in untreated cells (FIGURE 3) This finding is consistent with the reversible growth inhibition of those cells.

50 Total RNA was extracted from both untreated cells and from cells treated with TGF- $\beta$ , as described above. The RNA was fractionated on a 1 %, agarose-formaldehyde gel, according to the method of Lehrach et al. (1977) *Biochemistry* **16**:4743-4751, transferred to a nylon membrane (Hybond N, Amersham) and hybridized to [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled probe, according to the method described in Madisen et al. (1988) *DNA* **7**:1-8. The bands were quantitated using a Molecular Dynamics Phosphoimager.

55 The increase in  $\beta$ ig-h3 RNA could be due to either an increase in transcription or an increase in half-life. The half-life of the  $\beta$ ig-h3 transcripts was determined in untreated and TGF- $\beta$ 1 treated A549 cells. The results shown in Figure 4, illustrate that the half-life for  $\beta$ ig-h3 RNA in untreated cells was about 5 hours, and is only slightly increased to 7 hours in TGF- $\beta$ 1 treated, transcriptionally inhibited (actinomycin D-treated) cells. The major increase in  $\beta$ ig-h3 RNA thus appears to be due to an increase in transcription, rather than an increase in half-life. As shown in Figure 2, the kinetics of  $\beta$ ig-h3 message accumulation implies a half-life of 7-11 hours, which is the same range observed in the actinomycin D studies. This suggests that message stability is not grossly altered by actinomycin D in these studies.

Several human normal and cancer cell lines were examined for induction of  $\beta$ ig-h3. TGF- $\beta$ 1 treatment of HEPM (human embryonic palatal mesenchymal) cells, H2981 cells resulted in an increase in  $\beta$ ig-h3 mRNA.  $\beta$ ig-h3 message was not induced by TGF- $\beta$ 1 in 293 cells nor in the breast cancer cell lines MCF-7, MDA453 or MDA468. The fact that  $\beta$ ig-h3 is not induced in all cell types is not a unique finding, as the induction of other genes by TGF- $\beta$  have been known to vary in different cell lines. For example, c-myc is reported to be stimulated in AKR-2B fibroblasts (Leof et al. (1986) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 83:1453-1458), but down regulated in keratinocytes (Coffey et al. (1988) Cancer Res. 48:1596-1602).

**EXAMPLE 2**

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**Sequence Analysis**

DNA sequence analysis was performed by the method of Sanger et al. (1977) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74:5463-54679.

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Nucleotide sequence analysis of  $\beta$ ig-h3a revealed that it contained a partial open reading frame. The cDNA library was therefore rescreened with [ $^{32}$ P]-labeled  $\beta$ ig-h3a probe until several overlapping clones encoding the entire open reading frame were obtained. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence of  $\beta$ IG-H3 is shown in FIGURE 5 and is described in Sequence I.D. Number 1 and 2. The cDNA contains a single open reading frame encoding a 683 amino acid protein,  $\beta$ IG-H3.  $\beta$ IG-H3 contains an amino terminal signal peptide and an RGD sequence located at the carboxy terminus (residues 642-644). This motif has previously been shown to serve as a ligand recognition sequence for several integrins (Ruoslahti, E. (1989) J. Biol. Chem. 264:13369-13371). There are no predicted sites of N-linked glycosylation. A polyadenylation signal is present at nucleotide residue 2624.

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A TFASTA search of the Genebank and EMBL databases with the  $\beta$ ig-h3 open reading frame indicated that the protein was unique. Short regions with homology to grasshopper and drosophila fasciclin-I and Mpb70 from *Mycobacterium bovis* were identified. FIGURE 6/A shows multiple alignments of regions from these proteins.

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Upon dot matrix analysis of  $\beta$ IG-H3 four homologous domains of approximately 140 amino acids were revealed. A comparison of these repeats is shown in FIGURE 6/B and illustrate interdomain homologies ranging from 31% (between domains 2 and 4) to 16% (between domains 1 and 3), with domain 3 the most divergent. These interdomain homologies are similar to those found in fasciclin-I, wherein repeat 2 appears to be the most divergent. The domains of  $\beta$ IG-H3 and fasciclin-I share 3 highly conserved amino acid stretches. One stretch contains 9 of 10 amino acids conserved at the amino end (T X F A P S N E A W). A second stretch has 6 of 8 amino acids conserved about 30 residues from the amino end (R X I L N X H I); and a third region near the carboxy end has 12 of 16 amino acids conserved (A T N G V V H X I D X V L X X P). These comparisons are illustrated in FIGURE 6/A.

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Mpb70 is the major secreted protein from *Mycobacterium bovis*, the causal agent of bovine tuberculosis. Mpb70 occurs as a dimer of a 163 amino acid monomer with 33% homology to the  $\beta$ IG-H3 domains in the carboxy terminal 97 amino acids. The amino terminal 66 amino acids carry mycobacterium specific epitopes (Redford et al. (1990) J. of Gen. Microbiol. 136:265-272).

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The foregoing description and Examples are intended as illustrative of the present invention, but not as limiting. Numerous variations and modifications may be effected without departing from the true spirit and scope of the present invention.

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SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION

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- (F) POSTAL CODE: 10154

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(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: TGF-BETA INDUCED GENE AND PROTEIN

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(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 2

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(iv) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:

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- (A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
- (B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
- (C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
- (D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.25

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(v) CURRENT APPLICATION DATA:

- (A) APPLICATION NUMBER:
- (B) FILING DATE:
- (C) CLASSIFICATION:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

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- (A) LENGTH: 2691 base pairs
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- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Homo Sapiens
- (F) TISSUE TYPE: LUNG
- (G) CELL TYPE: ADENOCARCINOMA
- (H) CELL LINE: A549

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## (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

25 (A) LENGTH: 683 amino acids  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

30 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: YES

(iv) FRAGMENT TYPE: internal

35 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens  
 (E) TISSUE TYPE: LUNG  
 (G) CELL TYPE: ADENOCARCINOMA  
 (H) CELL LINE: A549

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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 Ala Ser Ala Phe Ser Arg Ala Ser Gln Arg Ser Val Arg Leu Ala Pro  
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## 40 Claims

1. A substantially pure protein comprising a protein having a sequence of about 683 amino acid residues in length and substantially corresponding to Sequence I.D. 2, wherein said protein is induced by contacting mammalian cells with transforming growth factor beta to growth arrest said cells.
2. The protein according to Claim 1, wherein said transforming growth factor beta is selected from the group consisting of TGF- $\beta$ 1, TGF- $\beta$ 2, TGF- $\beta$ 3, a TGF- $\beta$ 1/ $\beta$ 2 hybrid molecule and fragments thereof.
3. The protein according to Claim 1, wherein said protein is  $\beta$ IG-H3.
4. The protein according to Claim 1, wherein said protein contains four homologous repeating regions.
5. The protein according to Claim 1, wherein said mammalian cells are human cells.
6. The protein according to Claim 1, wherein said human cells are selected from the group consisting of lung adenocarcinoma cells, embryonic palatal mesenchymal cells and prostatic adenocarcinoma cells.
7.  $\beta$ IG-H3, a substantially pure protein comprising an amino acid residue sequence of about 683 amino acid residues substantially corresponding to Sequence I.D. 2 and FIGURE 5, wherein said protein contains an

Arg-Gly-Asp sequence in the carboxy terminal amino acids corresponding to amino acid residues 642-644 in FIGURE 5.

8.  $\beta$ IG-H3 according to Claim 7, wherein said protein contains four homologous repeating regions as depicted in FIGURE 6.
9.  $\beta$ IG-H3 according to Claim 8, wherein said repeating regions have a homology of at least 16% with each other.
10. A substantially pure nucleotide sequence encoding a gene whose expression is induced by contacting mammalian cells with transforming growth factor beta, comprising a nucleotide sequence substantially corresponding to Sequence I.D. 1 and FIGURE 5.
11. The nucleotide sequence according to Claim 10, wherein said transforming growth factor beta induces the production of a 3.4 kilobase RNA transcript from said gene.
12. The nucleotide sequence according to Claim 10, wherein said transforming growth factor beta is selected from the group consisting of TGF- $\beta$ 1, TGF- $\beta$ 2, TGF- $\beta$ 3, a TGF- $\beta$ 1/ $\beta$ 2 hybrid molecule and fragments thereof.
13. The nucleotide sequence according to Claim 10, wherein said gene encodes the expression of  $\beta$ IG-H3.
14. A process for the production of a protein according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, comprising the steps of:
  - i) inserting the nucleotide sequence of any one of Claims 10 to 13 into an expression system;
  - ii) inducing the expression system to express the nucleotide sequence to form a protein product; and
  - iii) isolating the protein product.
15. A process for identifying a protein whose expression is induced by TGF- $\beta$  comprising the steps of:
  - i) growing a cell in the presence of TGF- $\beta$ ;
  - ii) constructing a cDNA library from the cell;
  - iii) comparing the cDNA library with another cDNA library constructed from a cell grown in the absence of TGF- $\beta$  and identifying the TGF- $\beta$ -specific clones; and
  - iv) further characterising the TGF- $\beta$ -specific clones to identify the proteins thereby encoded.

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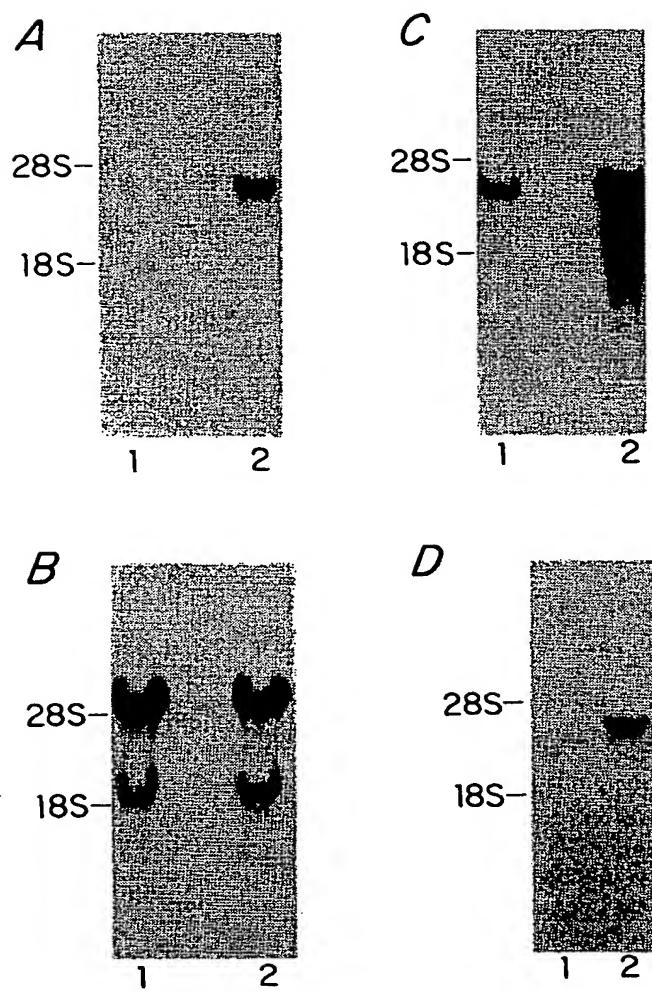


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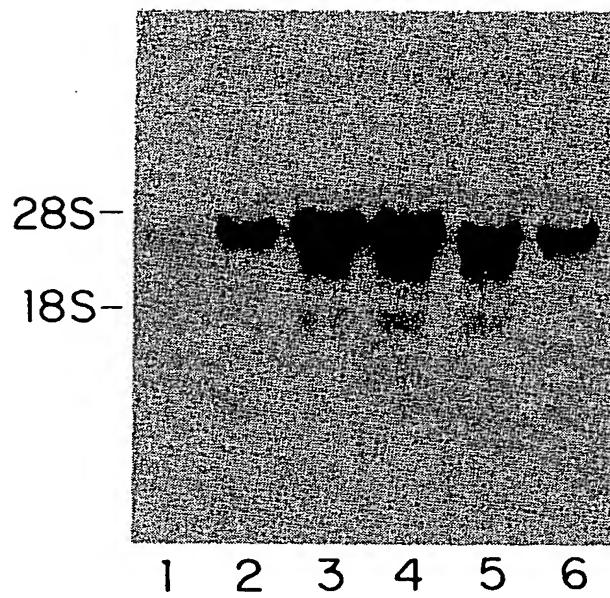


Figure 2

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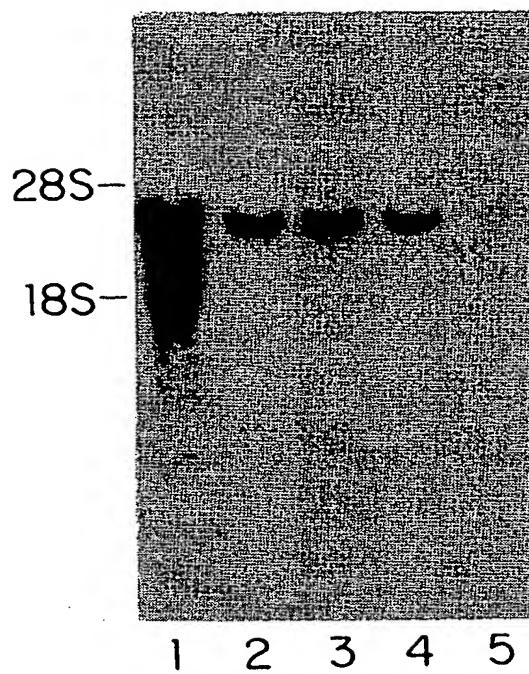


Figure 3

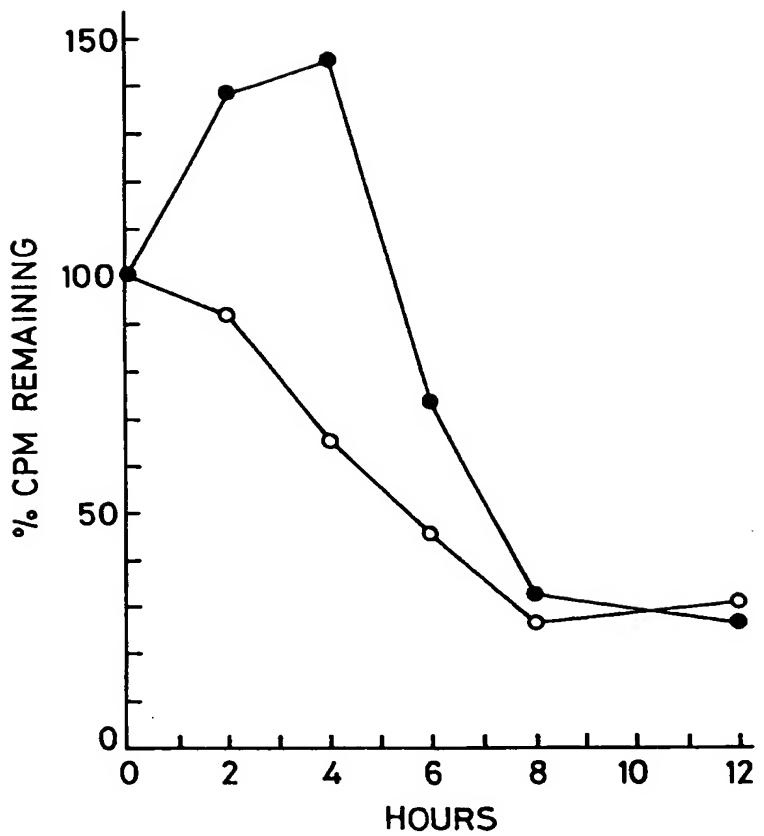


Figure 4

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20	↓	
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Figure 5 (i)

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Figure 5 (ii)

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570	Asp Ala Lys Glu Leu Ala Asn Ile Leu Lys Tyr His Ile Gly Asp Glu	1728
	GAT GCC AAG GAA CTT GCC AAC ATC CTG AAA TAC CAC ATT GGT GAT GAA	
585	Ile Leu Val Ser Gly Gly Ile Gly Ala Leu Val Arg Leu Lys Ser Leu	1776
	ATC CTG GTT AGC GGA GGC ATC GGG GCC CTG GTG CGG CTA AAG TCT CTC	
595		
605	Gln Gly Asp Lys Leu Glu Val Ser Leu Lys Asn Asn Val Val Ser Val	1824
	CAA GGT GAC AAG CTG GAA GTC AGC TTG AAA AAC AAT GTG GTG AGT GTC	
610	Asn Lys Glu Pro Val Ala Glu Pro Asp Ile Met Ala Thr Asn Gly Val	620
	AAC AAG GAG CCT GTT GCC GAG CCT GAC ATC ATG GCC ACA AAT GGC GTG	1872

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635		
Val His Val Ile Thr Asn Val Leu Gln Pro Pro Ala Asn Arg Pro Gln		
GTC CAT GTC ATC ACC AAT GTT CTG CAG CCT CCA GCC AAC AGA CCT CAG		1920
645		
Glu Arg Gly Asp	Glu Leu Ala Asp Ser Ala Leu Glu Ile Phe Lys Gln	
GAA AGA GGG GAT	GAA CTT GCA GAC TCT GCG CTT GAG ATC TTC AAA CAA	1968
660		
Ala Ser Ala Phe Ser Arg Ala Ser Gln Arg Ser Val Arg Leu Ala Pro		
GCA TCA GCG TTT TCC AGG GCT TCC CAG AGG TCT GTG CGA CTA GCC CCT		2016
670		
Val Tyr Gln Lys Leu Leu Glu Arg Met Lys His ***		
GTC TAT CAA AAG TTA TTA GAG AGG ATG AAG CAT TAG CTTGAAGCACTACAG		2067
GAGGAATGCACCAACGGCAGCTCTCCGCCAATTCTCTCAGATTCCACAGAGACTGTTGAATG		2131
TTTTCAAAACCAAGTATCACACTTTAATGTACATGGGCCGACCATAATGAGATGTGAGCCTTG		2195
TGCATGTGGGGAGGAGGGAGAGAGATGTACTTTTAAATCATGTTCCCCCTAAACATGGCTGT		2259
TAACCCACTGCATGCAGAAACTGGATGTCAGTGCCTGACATTCACTTCCAGAGAGGACCTATC		2323
CCAAATGTGGAATTGACTGCCTATGCCAAGTCCCTGGAAAGGAGCTTCAGTATTGTGGGCTC		2387
ATAAAAACATGAATCAAGCAATCCAGCCTCATGGGAAGTCCTGGCACAGTTTTGTAAAGCCCTT		2451
GCACAGCTGGAGAAATGGCATCATTATAAGCTATGAGTTGAAATGTTCTGTCAAATGTGCTCA		2515
CATCTACACGTGGCTTGGAGGCTTTATGGGCCCTGTCCAGGTAGAAAAGAAATGGTATGTAG		2579
AGCTTAGATTCCCTATTGTGACAGAGCCATGGTGTGTTGTAATAATAAAACCAAGAAACAT		2643
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Figure 6



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